

METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: May 31, 2006

CALLED TO ORDER: 5:32 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 5:45 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Attending Members

Dane Mahern, Chairman
Ron Gibson
Scott Keller
Jackie Nytes
Marilyn Pfisterer
Mike Speedy
Steve Talley

Absent Members

Lance Langsford
Angela Mansfield

AGENDA

PROPOSAL NO. 176, 2006 -reappoints Michael Rinebold to the Indianapolis Housing Agency Board

“Postpone” until June 12, 2006

Vote: 7-0

PROPOSAL NO. 306, 2006 - appoints Maryann Seyfried to the Metropolitan Board of Zoning Appeals, Board I

“Do Pass”

Vote: 7-0

METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Metropolitan Development Committee of the City-County Council met on Monday, May 31, 2006. Chair Dane Mahern called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. with the following members present: Ron Gibson, Scott Keller, Jackie Nytes, Marilyn Pfisterer, Mike Speedy, and Steve Talley. Absent were Lance Langsford and Angela Mansfield.

PROPOSAL NO. 176, 2006 -reappoints Michael Rinebold to the Indianapolis Housing Agency Board

Chair Mahern stated that Mr. Rinebold was unable to attend the meeting and asked for the proposal to be postponed.

Councillor Gibson moved, seconded by Councillor Pfisterer, to “Postpone” Proposal No. 176, 2006 until June 12, 2006. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 306, 2006 - appoints Maryann Seyfried to the Metropolitan Board of Zoning Appeals, Board I

Ms. Seyfried said she is retired from the Indiana Department of Insurance, where she worked as a Deputy Commissioner for Agency Services. She also worked as an Operational Director for the Health Professions Bureau and worked in the courts as a court administrator. In addition, she has served as a State Representative for the 46th district. She said she has plenty of time to devote to the board and looks forward to serving her community.

Councillors Speedy, Talley, and Gibson all expressed their support of Ms. Seyfried’s appointment to the board and noted her experience and community affiliation will be beneficial to the board.

Councillor Gibson asked what Ms. Seyfried’s philosophy towards the Comprehensive Plan is. Ms. Seyfried said she would like to see more things done to draw industry to help on taxes especially in Perry and Franklin Township.

Councillor Pfisterer asked why Ms. Seyfried would like to serve on this board. Ms. Seyfried said she has always been interested in community activities and thinks she can add some of her expertise to the board.

Councillor Keller asked what Ms. Seyfried’s position is in handling conflict that may arise between real-estate developers and citizens. Ms. Seyfried said she would take each plan on its own merit and listen to both sides and then make her decision. She said when making hard decisions the best thing to do is keep an open mind and try to make the best decision for the community, as well as the developer.

Councillor Nytes moved, seconded by Councillor Talley, to send Proposal No. 306, 2006 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

Councillor Keller reported to the committee that Forbes, a business magazine, had an article on the best places in the country for business and careers and this year Indianapolis ranked number ten on the list. He said there may be some areas where the city can improve scores, but it is always nice to get positive remarks on the city.

CONCLUSION

With no further business pending, and upon motion duly made, the Metropolitan Development Committee of the City-County Council was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dane Mahern, Chair
Metropolitan Development Committee

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